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# MUDA to MCC layout transfers gain traction

## MCC Commissioner inspects areas to verify infrastructure availability

*MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rehman Sharif, Superintending Engineer K.J. Sindhu and Development Officer Sathyamurthy inspect one of the MUDA layouts to be handed over to MCC.*

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (RK&BCT)- The process of transferring fully developed residential layouts with essential infrastructure, developed by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has gained momentum.

Apart from MCC, some of these layouts fall under the jurisdiction of City Municipal Councils, Town Municipal Councils, and Village Panchayats.

Recently, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy chaired a meeting at the Zilla Panchayat auditorium with officials from MUDA, MCC, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (CESC), MCC Underground Drainage Division, and Vani Vilas Water Works.

During the meeting, he stressed the importance of transferring fully developed layouts, complete with infrastructure, to the MCC and relevant local bodies for proper maintenance, as per Government directives.

**(See LAYOUT on page 7)**

## 76th NCC Day in city

# Cadets spread patriotic fervour

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (GA&DM)- A grand bike and four-wheeler rally was held in the city this morning to celebrate the 76th National Cadet Corps (NCC) Day, organised by the alumni of the 4 Kar Air Squadron, NCC. Hundreds of rallyists traversed the city's roads.

The rally began at the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple near the Palace North Gate and proceeded to Hotel Southern Star, bringing together Air Wing cadets and alumni. The event was flagged off by Traffic ACP Parashuramappa at the Palace North Gate, with participants carrying the National flag, spreading the message of patriotism.

The rally passed through prominent locations, including Hardinge Circle, Basaveshwara Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle, JLB Road, and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle).

At the Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle, the participants paid their respects to the statue of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, honouring his legacy as a revered military leader and a lasting inspiration to the NCC.

The rally concluded at Hotel Southern Star, where a stage event was held.

**(See CADETS on page 6)**

# Five years on, Saraswathipuram Fire Station left to crumble

## Apathy reigns as debate drags on: Repairs on heritage lines or rebuild entirely?

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (GA&BS)- Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who risk their lives to safeguard the public during fire mishaps, now face an equally perilous situation — the crumbling Fire Station building at Saraswathipuram. Years of delays and indecision have left them working in constant fear of a collapse.

The root cause? A lack of commitment from elected representatives and infighting among heritage experts vying for credit, leaving the 120-year-old heritage structure in a state of limbo. The crisis began in August 2019 when heavy rains caused the facade and portico of the building to collapse. Despite numerous inspection visits by politicians and heritage experts, no progress has been made.

*File photo*

Back then, even the Chief Minister, along with his Cabinet colleagues and MLAs, promised immediate restoration — but five years on, their assurances remain hollow. Currently, about 60 fire personnel operate out of a deteriorating section of the building, clinging to prayers for their safety as they carry out their duties.

When the collapse occurred, the Fire and Emergency Services Department promptly wrote to the Public Works Department (PWD), which estimated the restoration cost at Rs. 45 lakh.

The Fire Department even deposited Rs. 22 lakh with the PWD to initiate repairs. Yet, just as work was about to begin, objections from the District-Level Heritage Experts Committee brought the process to a halt.

The issue resurfaced when Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar inspected the site, advocating for repairs without damaging the heritage structure.

**(See STATION on page 7)**

# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Sunday 24th November 2024


## Dr. R. Visweswaran to Chair 29th JSS Music Conference

Mysuru, Nov. 24- Renowned Musicologist and Veena Maestro Dr. R. Visweswaran has been selected to chair the five-day 29th JSS Sangeetha Sammelana (Music Conference) organised by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust from Dec. 2 to 6 at Navajyothi auditorium of JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram.

*Dr. R. Visweswaran*

Dr. Visweswaran was born to B. Ramaiah and Varalakshmi couple at Mysuru in 1931 and learnt Karnatak Classical Vocal Music besides learning Gotuvadya, Veena etc. He has performed in over a thousand musical concerts across the globe spanning 75 years.

He had earlier served as the Head of the Department of Music at Fine Arts College, University of Mysore and also chaired several musical events across the country.

He has bagged many awards and prizes including 'Kannada Ratna' presented at 'Navika,' the World Kannada Conference held at USA a few years ago, T. Chowdiah Award, State Sangeetha Vidwan Award, Sangeetha Chudamani Award given by Srikrishna Ganasabha, Chennai, Sangeetha Vidyanidhi Award given by Andhra Music Academy, Sangeetha Sarvabhouma Award given by Sosale Mutt, Naadashri Award given by Bengaluru's Gayana Samaja among others.

Dr. Visweswaran is also credited with being the first 'Doctor of Music' Hon. Doctorate awardee of the city-based KSGH Music and Performing Arts University. This apart, he has won the Kendra Sangeeth Natak Academy Award for the year 2024.

Dr. Visweswaran will be honoured with the prestigious 'Sangeetha Vidyanidhi' Award at the valedictory of JSS Music Conference in city on Dec. 6, according to a press release from JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TEACHERS, TEACH THYSELVES: ***What happens when a powerful tool like AI meets the traditional teaching model? Anxiety, friction and litigation. An LLM student at OP Jindal University won a case against the institution, which had declared his work AI-generated, and failed him for plagiarism. While his own argument hinged on technicalities around the University's policies on plagiarism and copyright, such cases and complications are bound to pop up in classrooms and workplaces. As AI models are trained on large datasets, narrow claims of authorship and attribution are hard to establish. This tech is new and it destabilises certain formats of evaluation, like the periodic exam or essay. But there's no point being on a collision course with AI. Like search engines and smartphones, AI tools will have to be assimilated and harnessed.***

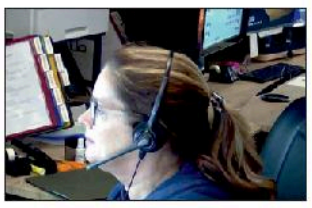
***Students have every incentive to use AI for shortcuts, to load it with grunt-work, use it to polish their prose and so on. It can be a learning aid to detangle jargon, or help those whose imperfect language skills distract from their grasp over a subject. Teachers will have to rethink their idea of academic/workplace integrity. They will have to test students' mastery of the hows and whys, not the whats.***

***AI is a burbler that can produce plausible answers. But education is about mind wrestling with study material. Teachers and students should know it's easy to game one's homework, but both self-respect and interest in a subject demand our actual attention. The poet Joseph Fasano responded to a student who used AI to write a poem, "I know your days are precious/on this earth./But what are you trying/to be free of?/The living? The miraculous/task of it?/ Love is for the ones who love the work." Teachers, get it.***

*— In The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### 10-year-old calls 911 for help with math homework



Wisconsin: A Wisconsin sheriff's deputy came to the "rescue" of a 10-year-old who called 911 to ask for help with math homework.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Office said on social media that a dispatcher answered a 911 call "from a 10-year-old who called to say that he needed help with his math homework." "He stated his family 'wasn't very good at math either' and he needed help," the post said.

Sheriff George Lenzner said dispatcher Kim Krause explained to the young caller that 911 was not the appropriate number to call for homework help, but she also offered her assistance.

"She had some time, so she said, 'Can I help you with the problem?' He gave this long problem with decimals and she was unable to help; so she said, 'Well, let me see if I got a deputy near your residence.'"

### Store replaces mannequins with live models!

Beijing: A popular Chinese clothing store sparked controversy by showcasing its products on female models walking on treadmills rather than old-fashioned mannequins.

The marketing team at Chinese designer brand store ITIB was thinking outside the box when it decided to replace plastic mannequins with live models on small treadmills.

The official explanation was the new way of displaying garments really allowed customers to see how they fit when moving rather than in a stationary position, but few doubted it was just a gimmick to draw attention. The plan worked perfectly, as videos of young models mounted on small pedestals outside the store spread like wildfire on social media.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Quality sleep is essential for physical and mental health. Aim for 7-8 hours of sleep each night.

***By Dr. Satish Kumar M.G - Consultant - Internal Medicine***
***Manipal Hospital, Mysore***

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Statewide farmers protest in front of DC Offices on Nov. 26

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (MTY&BS)- A Statewide protest in front of respective Deputy Commissioners' Offices has been organised on Nov. 26, in condemnation of the Central Government dithering to fix Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farm produces and in support of the ongoing farmers protest in New Delhi.

Convener of South India, Samyukta Kisan Morcha, Kurbur Shanthakumar was addressing the farmer leaders at a meeting convened at PWD Guest House in the city recently.

Shanthakumar said, Samyukta Kisan Morcha, a non-political outfit has been staging a stir at Delhi border since Feb. 13 demanding announcement of a law supporting MSP for farm produces. However, the Central Government continues to ignore the farmers and their demands. Condemning this, farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dhalewala has decided to launch a fast-unto-death protest from Nov.26 at Delhi.

The farmers at Bagalkot, Belagavi, Kalaburagi and other districts have been staging protests seeking Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane. The Chief Minister should convene a meeting of farmer leaders before the Winter Session of the State Legislative Assembly in Belagavi to address the issue of farmers across the State, he said.

## WATER LEVEL

| KRS DAM | KABINI DAM | Harangi DAM |
|---|---|---|
| Maximum **124.80 feet** | Maximum **2,284 feet** | Maximum **2,859 feet** |
| Today's level **124.80 feet** | Today's level **2,279.77 feet** | Today's level **2,842.73 feet** |
| Last year's level **98.82 feet** | Last year's level **2,273.74 feet** | Last year's level **2,842.72 feet** |
| Yesterday's level **124.80 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,279.85 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,843.50 feet** |
| Today's Inflow **4,395 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **121 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **306 cusecs** |
| Today's Outflow **4,185 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **575 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs** |

## REALLY...?

- ***The caracal Cat of Africa is considered to be the largest of the small big cat species: These eye-catching cats are a sight to behold. From their bright tawny coats and black ear tufts, it's hard not to admire these stunning big cats.***
- ***Also referred to as the Desert Lynx, the name Caracal is derived from the Turkish word "Karakulak" which translates to "Black Ear."***
- ***Many big Cats love to swim — and they're excellent at that.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Ramesh:*** *How is the business Shyam?*

***Shyam:*** *Very good. I must say only yesterday I got an order for Rs. 25,000.*

***Ramesh:*** *I don't believe it.*

***Shyam:*** *It is true. I still have the cancellation order!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 84.44 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 105.82 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 22.99 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 87.97 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

# We urgently need real-time
## KSRTC bus tracking information

Sir,

I am writing to express my concern about the ongoing challenges faced by public transport commuters in Mysuru, especially those relying on city buses for their daily travel.

Despite the advancements in technology, it is disheartening to see that after all these years, our city's public bus system still lacks basic conveniences, such as electronic displays providing real-time information about bus arrivals.

Every day, thousands of students, office-goers, and working women are left anxiously waiting at city bus stops during peak hours, unsure of when their bus will arrive. This is not only a waste of time but also an unnecessary source of stress for commuters.

The situation has remained the same for over two decades, and it is time for authorities to adopt modern solutions to improve the commuting experience. One simple yet highly effective solution could be the implementation of an electronic display system that shows the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) of buses.

This technology, which is already being used at metro stations, could easily be adapted for buses. By using GPS technology, buses could be tracked in real time, and commuters could receive accurate information about when the next bus will arrive.

This would make a huge difference, reducing the uncertainty and frustration that comes with waiting for a bus.

Furthermore, the Indian Railways has implemented a system called "Find My Train," where passengers can enter the train number and track its current location. A similar system could be introduced for buses.

Commuters should have the option to track buses by entering the route number, which regular users are already familiar with. This would allow them to know the real-time status of their bus, helping them plan their travel more efficiently.

In addition, authorities must focus on increasing the frequency of buses during morning and evening rush hours to accommodate large number of commuters. Many people rely on public transport because it is affordable and they cannot afford the high costs of private vehicles.

The failure to implement such basic improvements in public transport is not only unfair to the commuters but also a missed opportunity to enhance the sustainability of our city by encouraging more people to use public transport, which helps reduce carbon footprints.

I urge the KSRTC Mysuru Division authorities to consider adopting a bus tracking system similar to the one in place for metros and the Indian Railways.

Commuters deserve to have access to accurate and timely information, and it's high time the city took action to make public transport more reliable, efficient, and user-friendly.

**— Dr. J.R. Manjunatha**
Jayalakshmipuram
8.11.2024

# Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji among seven to get Kannadambe Award

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (VNS)- Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike in Hootagalli, Mysuru, will be conferring seven achievers with 'Kannadambe Award' at a function to be held on Nov. 30 at 4 pm at Santhemala Grounds in Hootagalli.

Those selected for the awards are as follows: Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji (Spirituality), B. Raghavendra & S.B. Devaraju (Media), Kumar (Police), Dr. K.R. Gautham (Medicine), H.C. Manjunath (Pro-Kannada Activism) and Vihika (for entering the International Book of Records).

*Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji*

MLA G.T. Devegowda will be the chief guest for the event.

Sri Basava Mruthyunjaya Swamiji, District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Sri Arjun Avadhootha Swamiji, MLA Vinay Kulkarni, BJP leader Kaveesh Gowda, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) K. Shivaraju will be present on the occasion, according to a press release.

# 'Brahmin community should unite to showcase strength'

*MLA T.S. Srivatsa releasing the poster of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha during the preliminary meeting held at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram in city yesterday. Also seen are former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Brahmana Mahasabha Vice-President N. Srikanta Kumar and others.*

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (SPN&VNS)- There is need for us to work in unity to safeguard the culture and traditions of the Hindu religion, said MLA T.S. Srivatsa.

Presiding over a preparatory meeting for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha to be held on Jan. 18 and 19 in Bengaluru, at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday, he said that the Mahasabha, which was started to protect the community in 1974, had grown up to become one of the largest organisations to complete 50 years.

Stating that various events had been organised under the leadership of Mahasabha President Ashok Haranahalli at Tripuravasini Convention Centre in Palace Grounds in Bengaluru, Srivatsa said that the event will be inaugurated by Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham's Junior Pontiff Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Swamiji in presence of Seers from various Mutts.

Srivatsa also said that the event was being organised to discuss on various issues being faced by the community members. He also expressed his disappointment over a few who have been ridiculing the religious programmes being carried out by the community in the city's outskirts for global welfare.

"A few of the progressive thinkers have been instigating people not to visit temples where Priests from the Brahmin community were performing rituals. We as a community have not condemned such acts. This apart, the politicians of neighbouring State have been ridiculing our community. We should come together to showcase our unity to send out message to the State," he said.

Srivatsa also called upon the community members to take part in the Golden Jubilee of the Mahasabha in large numbers.

Brahmana Mahasabha Vice-President N. Srikanta Kumar also spoke on the occasion. Later, meritorious students M.D. Sudeeksha, who had top scored in SSLC examination and PUC topper Pruthu P. Advaith were felicitated on the occasion.

Mahasabha senior member T.K. Vijay Kumar Rao, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and members of various Brahmin Associations were present.

The MLA also released the posters and pamphlets of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha on the occasion.

# Students of Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled visit CFTRI

Mysuru, Nov. 24- Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled (RMSD), run by the NR Foundation, had organised a visit for its students to the CSIR - Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) in city on the occasion of Children's Day on Nov. 14.

In all, 35 students from Class 8-10 were given this opportunity to expand their learning boundaries by visiting and observing the findings of CFTRI (A constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi).

Dr. Parigi Ramesh Kumar, Sr. Principal Scientist, facilitated the visit to the students to the Institute.

Speaking about the visit, R. Guru, Chairman, NR Group, said, "We think that a child learns better when they have real-world experiences, thus we make sure that at Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled they get chance to actually go through experiential learning process. Visit to CFTRI gives the students an insight into real world and happenings that prepares them for a better tomorrow.'

C.S. Varshini and H.K. Jhanavi, students of Class 10, shared their experiences.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Free medicine for Asthma on Dec.15

The city's Seva Bharati Trust, will be distributing free medicines to patients of Asthma and allied ailments such as Sneezing, uncured cough, cold and breathing troubles, from 5 am to 7 am on the morning of Dec. 15 at Shekar Clinic, Near Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshvaranagar. The last date for registration is Dec. 10. For details, contact Mob: 96118-02730, 89510-17199, according to a press release.

### Bhagavad Gita recitation contest

The Vivekananda Shilasmaaraka and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari Shakhe, Mysuru, will be conducting a Bhagavad Gita recitation contest for school children at Vivekananda Kendra, No. 2830, First Main, Pampapathi Road, Jayanagar, at 9 am on Dec. 7. The contest will be held under three categories — LKG & UKG, First to Fourth standards, Fifth to Seventh standards and Eighth to Tenth standards. Only five students (in each category) from a school are allowed to take part. The last date for registration is Dec. 5, according to a press release. There will be three prizes, with first Prize - Rs. 1,000, second prize - Rs. 750 and Third prize- Rs. 500. For details, contact Mob: 94494-88228.

### Calling street vendors

The MCC has asked the street vendors who have been issued QR code enabled Identity cards and vending certificates to renew the validity of their cards, before the expiry of validity on Dec. 31, 2024. Out of the 2,198 street vendors identified by the MCC in all the 9 MCC Zonal offices limits, only 1,856 vendors have been issued ID cards and vending certificates, whose 5-year validity ends on Dec. 31. As such, the street vendors are asked to visit their respective MCC Zonal office and submit the necessary documents for renewal by Dec. 9, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 94498-41196.

### Appointed

**Mehul J. Patel,** proprietor of Amardeep Gas Distributors in city has been appointed as the State President of LPG Distributors Association (LDAI), according to the order issued by Association National President B.S. Sharma, who has also stated that Mehul will form the State Executive.

# Man arrested for killing wife over second marriage dispute

## Pushes her into Varuna Canal; Srirangapatna Police arrest him at a bakery in Hassan

Srirangapatna, Nov. 24 (KS)- A man allegedly murdered his wife by pushing her into a canal after she questioned his second marriage. The crime came to light when the woman's body was discovered in a fishing net in the Varuna Canal near Madarahalli in the taluk, about five days ago.

The victim, identified as A.P. Pramila (39), a resident of Krishnanagar in Hassan, had been married to the accused, Y.N. Kiran (a native of Yadavanahalli in Alur taluk, Hassan).

**Details of the case**

On Nov. 18, fishermen, casting their nets in the Varuna Canal near Madarahalli, were shocked to find a woman's body caught in the net.

They immediately alerted the Police, who arrived at the scene, conducted a mahazar, and initially registered the case as an unnatural death. As no one came forward to claim the body, the Police performed the last rites.

Pramila's husband had died five years earlier, leaving her to raise two children. Kiran, a contract employee of the RBI in Mysuru, had been living nearby when he developed a relationship with Pramila.

**Financial dealings**

He rented a house at Lakshmikantha Nagar in Mysuru, where he brought Pramila to live and arranged for her to get a job at RBI on a contract basis. However, under pressure from his parents, Kiran secretly married another woman who worked at a private company.

A.P. Pramila

Y.N. Kiran

It was revealed that Kiran and Pramila had lent significant sums of money to someone who had failed to return it. The couple also invested in a business venture — Kiran opened "Kiran Gowda's Military Hotel" near Outer Ring Road, for which Pramila contributed Rs. 3 lakh.

The hotel, however, suffered a loss, and Pramila discovered Kiran had remarried, leading to frequent arguments between them. Tensions escalated further when Kiran's second wife became pregnant, and Pramila confronted Kiran after he took his second wife to the hospital.

**Pushed into Varuna Canal**

On Nov. 17, Kiran took Pramila to Mogarahalli to buy fish for her daughter's birthday. Afterwards, he allegedly pushed her into the Varuna Canal and fled the scene. Upon returning home, Kiran told Pramila's children that their mother had slipped and fallen into the canal, asking them not to share this with anyone.

When Pramila's brother called her, and she didn't answer, he travelled to Mysuru to inquire about her. Kiran casually responded, but Pramila's children reiterated that their mother had slipped into the canal.

Concerned, Pramila's brother and mother went to the Hebbal Police Station and, after some inquiry, were directed to the KRS Police Station. There, they were shown photos of the body, which they confirmed as Pramila's. They also expressed their suspicions about Kiran's involvement.

**Foulplay suspected**

The Police, now suspecting foulplay, initiated an investigation. Kiran was arrested near a bakery in Hassan, and during interrogation, the truth about the murder emerged. The case was shifted from an unnatural death to a murder investigation, and Kiran was remanded to judicial custody.

Mandya Superintendent of Police Mallikarjuna Baladandi and Srirangapatna Dy.SP Murali, along with the local Police team, led by Srirangapatna Circle Inspector Puneeth and KRS Sub-Inspectors Ramesh Karki Katte and Ramanna, played a key role in the arrest.

# Cyber criminals cheat women of Rs. 50 lakh by promising high returns on investment

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (SBD&KS)- In separate cases, online fraudsters have cheated two women of over Rs. 50 lakh after promising them high profits on their investments.

In the first case, a 28-year-old woman from Rajivnagar got introduced to one Prashanth on Telegram App, lured her into investing money in a company with a promise of getting high profit.

Believing him, the woman invested Rs. 1.50 lakh from her husband's Bank account. In about two months she saw that she had Rs. 3.30 lakh in her mobile app wallet. But when she tried to withdraw the money from the wallet, she was told to deposit Rs. 5.50 lakh so that she could withdraw everything in the wallet following which she deposited the said amount.

In all, the woman invested a total of Rs. 30.78 lakh in phases. As she did not receive any profit and did not receive any response from anyone, the woman realised that she had been cheated and lodged a complaint.

In the second case, a 33-year-old woman, came in contact with one Prabhu, who told her to invest money in Crypto Launcher so that she could get 20 to 25 percent profit for her investment.

Believing him, the woman invested a total of Rs. 29 lakh in phases and she also received Rs. 9.07 lakh as profit in two months.

Later, all transactions stopped suddenly and the woman then realised that she was taken for a ride by cyber criminals.

City's CEN Police, have registered separate cases.

## Mining, blasting activities around KRS Dam

# HC grants Safety Panel 6 months to submit report

## State Level Dam Safety Committee has to submit report on all quarrying activities by March 2025

Bengaluru, Nov. 24 (BCT)- The Karnataka High Court has granted a six-month extension to the State Level Dam Safety Committee to submit a detailed report on quarrying and explosive activities within a 20-km radius of the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice K.V. Aravind issued the order while hearing interim applications linked to an original petition filed by mining licence holder C.G. Kumar, which was converted into a Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

On Jan. 10, 2024, the Court had suspended all stone quarrying licences within the specified radius under the provisions of the Dam Safety Act, 2021, citing safety concerns for the KRS Dam in the Mysuru-Mandya region.

The State Level Dam Safety Committee was directed on March 5, 2024, to review the impact of quarrying and explosives within this zone and submit a report within four months.

However, citing insufficient time, the Advocate General requested an extension, which the Court has now granted. The Committee has until March 2025 to conduct its comprehensive review and submit the findings. Under Section 12 of the Third Schedule of the Dam Safety Act, 2021, the Committee has the authority to implement measures ensuring dam safety and preventing disasters.

The Court noted that the Committee had declined to consider applications for resuming quarrying activities.

"Applicants seeking permission must submit an affidavit stating no explosive activities will be conducted," the Court stated.

The Advocate General informed the Court that the Committee, along with experts from the Mines and Geology Department, will review each application and make decisions as per the law. Applicants will be notified of the outcome following a thorough evaluation.

The Amicus Curiae assisting the Court reported that quarrying licences for 38 quarries within the 20-km radius have expired, leaving only 12 operational units. Of these, four are conducting explosive activities, while the remaining eight are not.

## MUDA 50:50 sites scam

# Officials scramble to submit details to Probe Commission

### Question of missing survey numbers in approved layout plans of four residential projects

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (RK&BCT)- Officials of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) are scrambling to compile and submit documents to the One-Man Commission appointed by the State Government to investigate the 50:50 site allocation scam.

During a recent visit to the MUDA office, Commission head Justice P.N. Desai raised serious objections to the omission of survey numbers in the approved layout plans of four major residential projects developed by MUDA.

The Commission is also investigating scams involving site allocations under incentive schemes and alternative site distributions. During his inspection of files at the MUDA office, Justice Desai discovered that the approved plans for Ravindranath Tagore Nagar (R.T. Nagar), Lalithadrinagar North, South and Nachanahalli Palya

layouts were missing critical survey numbers.

Spending the day admonishing officials for this lapse, Justice Desai instructed them to submit comprehensive details, including supporting documents, to the Commission's office at Kumarakrupa Guest House in Bengaluru.

The Commission has turned its focus to these four layouts, as several alternative sites were sanctioned in connection with them. A significant number of MUDA sites were allocated as 'alternatives,' raising suspicions about the deliberate omission of survey numbers in approved plans.

Reports suggest massive corruption in the allocation of alternative sites. In the 220-acre R.T. Nagar layout, around 50 acres of land with varied survey numbers were allegedly released under the influence of powerful individuals. This has allowed private parties to exploit infrastructure like roads, drains, water and electricity intended for R.T. Nagar residents.

The Commission is also investigating allegations that, during the land acquisition process from 2007-08 to the formation of R.T. Nagar and Lalithadrinagar layouts in 2018-19, acquisitions were deliberately dropped to favour private entities, resulting in substantial financial gains for them. These serious charges remain under close scrutiny by the Commission.

## Destruction of evidence at MUDA

# RTI Activist seeks arrest of Minister, senior IAS Officer, Ex-Lokayukta SP

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (BLU&BCT)- RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna, the complainant in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land scam case involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others, has urged the Lokayukta SP to arrest Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh and others involved in the destruction of critical evidence tied to the 50:50 site allotment scandal in MUDA.

*Snehamayi Krishna*

Snehamayi Krishna visited the Lokayukta office on Dewan's Road in city on Friday, where he submitted a petition to Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh.

The petition claims that 140 files related to the controversial 50:50 site allotments in MUDA were removed from the records room and destroyed. Snehamayi Krishna is demanding the immediate arrest of Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh and Commissioner of Urban and Rural Planning, R. Venkatachalapathy, a senior IAS officer.

Former Lokayukta SP V.J. Sajeeth, who had obtained a warrant to search the MUDA office, is also accused of handing over the critical files to Byrathi Suresh. Consequently, Snehamayi Krishna has called for Sajeeth's arrest as well.

The petition requested the collection of CCTV footage from MUDA to trace the removal of files and urged a thorough investigation, with a report to be submitted to the High Court.

Several senior officials are alleged to have destroyed evidence by removing files to shield influential politicians — much like the proverbial fence devouring the crop it was meant to protect.

Snehamayi Krishna has emphasised the need for a detailed inquiry into the destruction of evidence and the arrest of Minister Byrathi Suresh, IAS officer Venkatachalapathy and former Lokayukta SP Sajeeth.

# Dubare's hanging bridge gets approval

### Stronger suspension design unveiled for 210-metre bridge; estimate cost Rs. 6 crore

Kushalnagar, Nov. 24 (AG&BCT)- The ambitious project to construct a hanging bridge over the River Cauvery at Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu is poised to further transform this popular tourist destination.

Dubare draws thousands of tourists each month and the addition of a hanging bridge connecting both riverbanks promises to be a significant attraction. Currently, one side of the river is managed by the Tourism Department, while the Forest Department oversees the opposite side, home to the renowned elephant camp.

Presently, tourists can only traverse the river via motorised boats. Due to the high demand for boat rides, many visitors risk crossing on slippery rocks — when the water level is low, leading to accidents and prompting criticism of the Forest Department.

The original hanging bridge plan envisioned a 110-metre structure supported by three columns — two at the ends and one in the centre — with an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore.

#### Two poles instead of three

However, the new proposal extends the bridge length to 210 metres, supported by only two poles, eliminating the central column thanks to enhanced suspension wire technology. The revised design will be higher at the centre than at the ends for added stability.

This updated project is estimated to cost Rs. 6 crore. The bridge will have a walking width of 1.5 metres and will be constructed above last year's flash flood level to ensure safety.

Hanging bridge expert Patanjali Bharadwaj has finalised the design, materials and total project cost, including labour. Unlike the previous proposal where

land ownership was shared between the Tourism and Forest Departments, the new project will be built entirely on Forest Department land, streamlining the approval process.

#### Budget estimate of Rs. 6 crore

The design and location survey have been completed and submitted to the Public Works Department (PWD). A budget estimate of Rs. 6 crore has been forwarded to the Finance Department for final approval. Patanjali Bharadwaj has designed the bridge and calculated the material cost as per the PWD budget list and provided the cost estimate.

The State Government and the PWD have granted in-principle approval and the project has been included in the Forest Department's Action Plan, receiving sanction from the Forest Minister.

Funding will come from the Kodagu Foundation, which pools entry fees collected at various parks, trekking spots and forest guest houses, supplemented by government funds.

The PWD will supervise the construction, with the tender process set to begin following financial clearance. If funding is timely, the bridge could be completed within six months, with an expected finish date in 2025.

#### Boating to be discontinued

Bhaskar, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Madikeri Circle, explained the project's earlier challenges. "Previously, land issues stalled progress due to the split ownership between the Tourism and Forest Departments, complicating clearances under the Wildlife Act. This time, we selected land solely managed by the Forest Department, eliminating these administrative obstacles. We are committed to seeing the project through. Once operational, boating services will be discontinued, though river rafting will continue," he said.

For context, Patanjali Bharadwaj is the son of *Padma Shri* awardee Girish Bharadwaj, known as the 'Bridge Man' for constructing over 100 suspension footbridges across India. Girish Bharadwaj founded 'Rational Engineering Industries' in 1975 in Sullia, Dakshina Kannada, now known as Ayasshilpa. Patanjali is continuing his father's legacy with this new project.

#### Revenue boost

The Dubare Elephant Camp operates daily from 9 am to 11 am and 4 pm to 5.30 pm. Forest officials report that the site welcomes an average of 500 to 700 tourists daily and has four boats for river crossings.

"During festivals and weekends, when over 2,000 tourists visit daily, managing the crowds becomes difficult. Weight restrictions limit boat capacity, forcing many visitors to leave without experiencing the elephant camp. The hanging bridge will resolve these issues and is expected to boost revenue," officials added.

# Bharatanatyam is India's gift to world: Suttur Seer at Mysuru Kaladivas

*Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji lighting the traditional lamp to inaugurate Mysuru Kaladivas at Nadamantapa in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram in city this morning as (from left) danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji look on. Pictures in the centre & extreme right show Dr. Vasundhara and disciples performing Bharatanatyam.*

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (BLU&VNS)- Bharatanatyam, like Yoga, is a contribution of our country to world, said Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, here this morning.

He was speaking after inaugurating Mysuru Kaladivas organised by Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre as part of Vasundharotsava-2024 to celebrate 75th birthday of renowned danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and 50 years of her service to the field of Bharatanatyam, at Nadamantapa in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road.

Praising Dr. Vasundhara for her contributions to the field of Bharatanatyam, the Swamiji said that renowned danseuse had carved a niche for herself by promoting the rich culture of ancient dance form globally.

He also mentioned that it was because of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy's penance that she has established herself as one of the finest Bharatanatyam exponents in the country and across the world.

Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior Pontiff Sri Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji expressed that it was only through dedication and devotion that one could master any dance form including Bharatanatyam. "Teaching the art for 50 years is not an easy job. Students should devote themselves to their Gurus to excel. Today's programme has showcased our rich tradition" he added.

On the occasion, about 550 talented disciples of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and disciples of other established Gurus performed Bharatanatyam to a song 'Naaviruva Nela Chamundi Nela' (The land we live belongs to Goddess Chamundeshwari) much to the delight of the audience. The dance performance was choreographed and directed by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, who also presented a solo performance on the occasion.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Sangeet Natak Akademi Chairperson Dr. Sandhya Purecha and members of various Bharatnatyam schools were present.

# NCC Day in city: Cadets spread patriotic fervour

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### Supporting Indian Army

Speaking at the stage event, Col. Rohit Thakur of 4 Kar AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru, emphasised the pivotal role senior NCC Cadets can play in supporting the Indian Army during wartime. He predicted that India's Military would emerge as one of the strongest in the world in the coming years.

Highlighting India's anticipated economic growth to a 35-trillion-dollar economy by 2047, Col. Thakur stated that India's defence forces would also grow in strength and become one of the world's most powerful armed forces.

"With the Russia-Ukraine war intensifying, especially after North Korea extended its army support to Russia, the world faces the potential of another major global conflict. India is fully prepared for this," he remarked.

He further underscored the need for the public to better understand the role of the Armed Forces during both peace and war. The NCC has consistently supported the Army in times of need, he added.

### NCC Training Academy

Col. Thakur also shared plans for establishing an NCC Training Academy on a 3.5-acre site in Alanahalli, Mysuru, with an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crore. He mentioned discussions with the District Minister and the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) for funding but noted that no response had yet been received.

"The NCC Day is a celebration of the organisation's enduring contributions to national service and youth empowerment," he said. He also stressed the importance of raising public awareness about NCC's achievements and honouring its dedication and excellence.

Col. Thakur presented a Power Point presentation on the proposed Academy project.

Other dignitaries including Commanding Officer of 4 Kar AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru, Wg. Cdr. Ashish, Group Captain Abhinav Chaturvedi, Retired Aero-Modelling Instructor Nagaraju, Inventor and Eco-conscious thinker Somender Singh, and Flt. Lt. Punya Nanjappa also interacted with the cadets.

President of the Alumni of 4 Kar AIR SQN NCC Dr. Anil Thomas, Vice-President Dr. Madhav Deshpande, Founder and Secretary Uma Venkatesh, Treasurer Dr. Anitha Bansilal, Joint Treasurer Shankar Danagoudru and others were present.

*Col. Rohit Thakur of 4 Kar AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru, lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 76th NCC Day in city this morning. Others seen are (from left) Eco-conscious thinker Somender Singh, Group Captain Abhinav Chaturvedi, Commanding Officer of 4 Kar AIR SQN NCC, Mysuru, Wg. Cdr. Ashish, Flt. Lt. Punya Nanjappa, President of the Alumni of 4 Kar AIR SQN NCC Dr. Anil Thomas and Lt. Col. Prabhakaran.*

*Cadets and officers of 4 Kar Air Squadron, NCC in front of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa statue at the Circle named after him on Vinoba Road in city this morning. As the Chief of the Army, Cariappa was instrumental in the formation of the Territorial Army in 1949. Though NCC had been already formed in 1948, it was Cariappa who extended support during its formative years.*

# Defeated in by-poll, Nikhil shouldn't lose heart: GTD

G.T. Devegowda

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (BLU&BS)- President of JD(S) Core Committee and MLA G.T. Devegowda has advised the party State Youth President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, not to lose heart over the debacle in Channapatna Assembly by-election and involve in the organisational works of the party.

He was speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a meeting held at Zilla Panchayat Hall in the city yesterday.

Devegowda said, Nikhil shouldn't have lost the elections. But, he should not feel let down following the back to back electoral defeats thrice and busy himself in the organisational activities of the party. There are instances of those facing similar defeats, overcoming the loss by winning the elections and also becoming the Minister. Nikhil should follow such leaders as a role model and build the party further, he said.

Gowda asked 'Who invited me for the campaign? Neither the candidate nor his mother or even Dodda Gowdru (referring to the party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda). It seems that, they don't feel my necessity.'

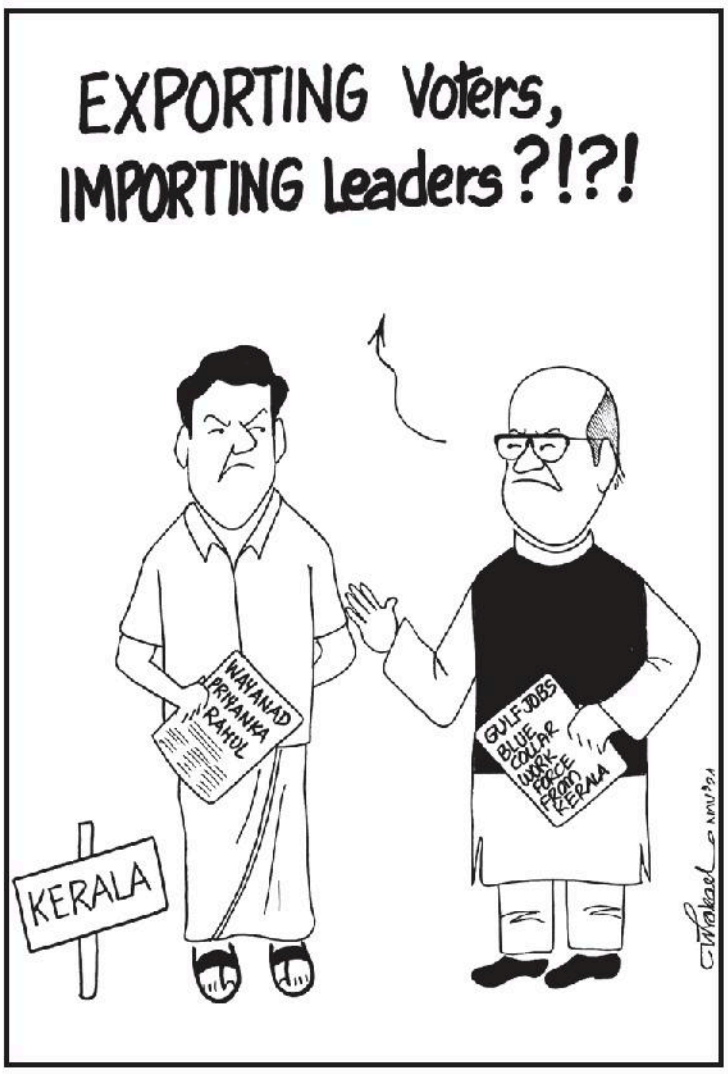
"The impression is that, they don't want me, but my son, considering my age and the feeling among them that I should take political retirement," said Devegowda.

He chose to clarify that, he doesn't have any differences with Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, the JD(S) State President. It was Kumaraswamy himself who is portraying things in such a way, added Gowda saying that he was helpless in this matter.

To a recent statement of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah giving a call to GTD to quit JD(S) and join Congress, the latter sought to clear the air saying that, barring the developments preceding 2023 Assembly elections, when Congress leaders had extended an invitation to join the party, there was no such situation thereafter, where he got an invitation from the leaders of grand old party.

## TEASER

By N. Prakash




# MUDA to MCC layout transfers gain traction

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Officials were instructed to conduct site visits and joint inspections to verify the availability of essential infrastructure, such as drinking water, roads, playgrounds, underground drainage, parks and electricity. Layouts meeting these criteria were to be prioritised and systematically handed over to the respective authorities.

**Joint inspections**

In line with this, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rehman Sharif, Superintending Engineer K.J. Sindhu, along with the Zonal officers, development officers, engineers and revenue officials, are conducting on-site inspections of both MUDA-developed and private residential layouts across the city of Mysuru.

Over 800 residential layouts have been developed in Mysuru city and its outskirts. Some of these layouts lack even basic infrastructure, with overgrown vegetation and dilapidated conditions. Only 200 layouts are deemed suitable for habitation while decisions regarding the remaining 600 layouts are yet to be made.

Officials have now begun the process of transferring fully developed residential layouts (with 100 percent infrastructure) to the MCC and respective local governing bodies. They have emphasised the need to complete the remaining work promptly.

Once the transfer is complete, local bodies will be responsible for the maintenance of cleanliness, drinking water, roads, drains, street lighting and parks in the layouts under their jurisdiction.

Additionally, they will be expected to collect property tax annually to fund the maintenance of these essential services. The Commissioner confirmed to Star of Mysore that the MCC will take over the management of these layouts moving forward.

### Responsible for maintenance

Private individuals and developers, housing cooperatives and MUDA have developed residential layouts across Mysuru city, including in Dattagalli, Chennamma Devegowda, Karthik Layout, Srirampura 3rd Phase, Devanur 3rd Phase and Metagalli.

The responsibility for their maintenance, including accounts, revenue, and cleanliness, must be transferred to the MCC, Hootagalli City Municipality, and the Town Municipalities of Rammanahalli, Bogadi, and Srirampura.

**— Ashaad-Ur-Rehman Sharif, Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation**

## Saraswathipuram Fire Station left to crumble

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However, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda called for demolishing the structure and building anew, leaving the project's future uncertain.

Adding to the chaos, A. Devaraju, Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, revealed that a report had been submitted to the District Administration for comprehensive repairs in line with heritage standards. Yet, without adequate funds, even this plan remains a pipe dream.

Chief Fire Officer P.S. Jayaramaiah confirmed plans to construct a Regional Training Centre and staff quarters on the remaining land, but the fate of the iconic building remains grim.

The prolonged indecision not only jeopardises the lives of those working within but also stands as a stark symbol of administrative apathy and misplaced priorities. How long before a tragedy forces action?

# Sunni Ijtema for women tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (KS)- Sunni Ijtema for women, organised by the Managing Committee of Masjid Rehamathiya Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath, Shanthinagar, under the auspice of Sunni Jamiat-ul-Ulma Trust, will be held tomorrow (Nov. 25) from 10 am at Zam Zam Function Hall, besides Al Kareem High School at Shanthinagar in city.

The programme will be held under the supervision of Ulmae-Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath, Mysuru city and District. Hazarath Alama Moulana Alhaj Mohd. Asgar Ali, Hon. Khateeb-o-Imam, Jamiya Masjid, Ramanagara will be the Speaker.

Janaba Aleema-o-Fazila Syeda will speak on the topic of Wadu and Bath from 10 am to 1 pm and Janaba Aleema-o-Fazila Seema Kousar Razviya, Darga Hunsur, will speak on the topic Salath (Namaz). From 2.30 pm to 4 pm, the Management has organised lunch for the participating women.

# Over 15,000 candidates appear for K-SET exam in city

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (MTY&DM)- The K-SET (Karnataka State Eligibility Test) - 2024 conducted by the Karnataka Examination Authority for gaining eligibility for appointment as Assistant Professors in Degree Colleges of the State, was held peacefully at as many as 35 centres spread across the city this morning.

There were two papers, the first one (Paper-1) being on General Knowledge and the second one (Paper-2) on Optional subjects.

The exam was conducted for 18 optional subjects in the city centres.

A total of 15,359 candidates had registered for the exam at city centres.

The exam was held under tight Police security and all the candidates appearing for the exam were frisked before being allowed entry to the exam centres.

Additional DC Shivaraju and other top district officials visited the centres for overseeing the conduct of the exam.

## Burglars decamp with silver and car from locked house on city outskirts

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (SBD&KS)- Burglars, who broke into a house on city outskirts, not only decamped with silver articles, but have also taken away the car parked inside the compound.

The burglary took place at the house of Srinivasamurthy, a KEB Meter Reader at Nanjangud and Sangeetha couple, residents of Kapila Layout in Nadanahalli on the outskirts of city. The burglars have made away with silver articles worth about Rs. 31,000 and a Tata Indica car.

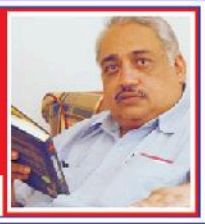
As Srinivasamurthy works in Nanjangud, the couple used to reside in a rented house there and come to Mysuru residence thrice a week. On Nov. 14, the couple left for Vittala-Rukmini Temple at Pandharpur in Maharashtra from Mysuru and returned to Nanjangud on Nov. 17.

The theft came to light when the couple came to their Mysuru residence on Nov. 21 evening only to see their car missing. The couple then entered the house and saw it ransacked. On inspecting the house further, the couple saw silver lamps and plates and bronze lamps kept in the almirah stolen and the car keys kept near the showcase missing.

The burglars, after stealing the silver and bronze articles, took the key of the car, kept the stolen booty in it and had left the spot, according to the complaint lodged by Srinivasamurthy.

Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

# Wayward & Wandering Book Prices

Being an avid book lover, the only thing I buy most and certainly very regularly, are books. For me, despite my half a dozen or so other hobbies, there is nothing that can match the joy of buying a book, new or old and then immediately sitting down in a secluded place to relish it, undisturbed.

**That place need not be the proverbial book-lover's 'cosy corner' and so it can be my verandah, my living room, my bedroom, my workplace, after I finish my work or even my car, while I wait most patiently, for my family members to finish their shopping and other chores in the marketplace. The longer they take to do this, the happier I am, which may seem more than a little surprising to most normal men. Yes, I never once call them up to ask what is taking them so long!**

Doing this, shuts out the rest of the world to me and I enter into a trance-like state, where my book and I alone exist, while time stands still. There cannot be an ecstasy greater than this to me and I'm sure that most book-lovers will only agree with me on this. **Even if I have just ten minutes of time, I never lose a chance to walk into a book shop and spend at least an hour there!**

**But I'm happiest in shops that sell old books. The place and their wares have their own unique charm, with their own unique smell, wafting across, that makes me feel light-headed.**

Just last week while I was in New Delhi, I was able to visit two of the most iconic book shops at the **Khan Market** there. One of them was **Faqir Chand and Sons** which was started in the year 1951 by a man of the same name, but which had been well established since the year 1931 at Peshawar in Pakistan. The other place I went to, just a little further down, was **Bahrisons,** which was started in 1953 by **Balraj Bahri Malhotra,** who came to Delhi as a 19-year-old refugee, after the partition.

What is iconic about these two places and what makes them unique now, are things that I would like to write about, maybe next weekend.

Like most other people who buy almost everything online these days, I buy a good many of my books online too and my visits to book shops have therefore become less frequent. **But there is nothing like going to a book shop in person and selecting what you want, after leisurely browsing through the titles there. That way you are able to make much wiser choices because very often the title of a book and even the reviews about it, will fail to give you a clear idea of whether you'll like it enough to have it in your collection.**

**I have, on many occasions, very eagerly or even greedily bought a good many books online going just by their reviews, only to regret it later.** That is where book shops have an edge over the online business of books, although they just cannot match the very low prices that prevail there because of the low overheads and establishment costs. That is exactly why ideally, I still prefer to visit a book shop and buy the books that attract me from there, although I invariably end up paying more for them than what I would have done if I had bought them online.

This I do especially when I am buying a book for the first time, from an unknown author whose views and style of writing I am not familiar with. I have another very odd habit of buying a book as a keepsake and remembrance of any new place I visit and so the first destination when I reach there, much before I start my sight-seeing, is a book shop!

**This perhaps is a family trait or more appropriately an idiosyncrasy, because I certainly seem to have inherited it from my parents. My late father used to pick up a book from every place he would visit and inscribe its name and the date on it, before writing his own name. Most of his books and mine too are thus adorned. My mother too, being a book-lover, still has the same habit. Actually, she is a step ahead in ensuring that she has a keepsake, even from the many small places which she visits and which are completely bereft of book shops. That is why, in addition to books with their owners' autographs, our home is full of trays, plates, pots and pans, with dates and names of places engraved on them.**

**And that is also why at any given time, I may be eating from a plate bought in Ooty, something that has been cooked in a pot that was bought in Koppa and served in a bowl that was bought in Honnavar and topping it off by drinking my coffee from a mug that was picked up in a mall in New Delhi!**

Coming back from pots and pans to books, I have been noticing over the past few days that the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) marked on books, seems to be varying greatly from shop to shop and this is something that I have seen only in very large cities. This used to be the trend only in book shops at airports and high-end hotels, where not just books but also everything else has steeply hiked prices which is understandable, considering the very high costs payable as rent for the very posh selling spaces.

Here too, this hike is very cleverly done in a perfectly legitimate way, by specially procuring goods marked with the suitably hiked MRPs printed on them. But in our country where thankfully everything that is sold in retail, is governed by a clearly marked MRP which is strictly implemented too, I found the varying prices of books, from shop to shop, in the same neighbourhood, not only a little perplexing but sinister too.

To me it seems like a very well-planned ploy by the book shops who are resorting to sourcing books marked with the MRPs that suit their whims and fancies. By resorting to this practice, they are very effectively ensuring that they are not committing an offence, as long as they sell their wares at the printed MRPs. That the marked MRPs on them have been fudged, cannot therefore be challenged legally. But where there is a will, there is a way and so they do it very conveniently and it is the buyer who has to beware.

**So, when you are shopping for the titles, you'll now have to shop for the prices too and there's just no other way!**

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87th Kannada Literary Meet in Mandya

## Formal invitation extended to writers Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, Dr. CPK

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (SPN&BS)- President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat Dr. Mahesh Joshi invited writers Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, Prof. K.S. Bhagawan and Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) in the city on Friday, for the 87th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana (All India Kannada Literary Meet) organised in Mandya from Dec. 20 to 22.

Speaking to media persons after inviting the writers at their residences in Mysuru, Dr. Joshi said, if Mandya was to be described as the 'offshoot' of Kannada literature, Mysuru is the root. The highest Kannada speaking population is in Mandya district, that was earlier a part of Mysuru district, which witnessed development during the reign of Maharaja Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Hence, the Kannada lovers and writers at the mother district of Mandya are being personally invited for the literary meet, he said.

The Sammelana will be celebrated on a grand scale surpassing the previous literary meet held at Haveri. The identity and culture of Kannada and the ray of folklore will be unveiled at the meet. Kannadigas should attend the meet in large numbers, he said.

Dr. Joshi said that he would also be extending formal invitation to writers Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry, Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta, Art Historian Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat and other prominent writers.

President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal and Secretary Bherya Ramkumar were present.

## Call to register books published in 2024

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (BS)- The State-level Book Selection Committee has invited writers, writers-cum-publishers and publishers, who have published their books, irrespective of language, for the first time in the year 2024 in the State, to enrol for the State Central Library, at Cubbon Park in Bengaluru, before 5.30 pm on Jan.1, 2025.

The books irrespective of English, Hindi or any other language, published outside the State, should be compulsorily registered with the respective State Libraries or Book Registration Centre, recognised by the Central or State Government. The books should submitted for selection by State Central Library within 5.30 pm on Jan. 2, 2025, along with a photocopy of the certificate of registration and a copy of the book.

The books can be related to literature, children's literature, art and Science irrespective of language, that should be submitted to the State-level Book Selection Committee.

While it has been already decided at the meeting of the Selection Committee to directly purchase the books related to competitive exams, textbooks, reviews, occasional and felicitation volumes as per the demand of local readers, under the official quota or discretionary quota of respective officers.

No books will be accepted separately at Commissioner's Office to select the books published in the year 2024. Hence, those interested to submit the books to Selection Committee should submit as per guidelines.

The application format and information can be obtained from *www.opl.karnataka.gov.in* and the Office of Deputy Director/ Chief Librarian, of District or City Central Library in the State.

For details contact Ph: 080-22864000 or 22867058, according to the Commissioner of Public Libraries Department.

# By-poll results befitting reply to Opposition charges: CM

## Dy.CM says results signal the direction for 2028 Karnataka Assembly elections

Bengaluru, Nov. 24 (KMS& DM)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah described the by-polls in three Assembly segments as a battle between the truth of the ruling Congress and the lies of the Opposition BJP-JD(S) alliance, asserting that the people have rejected the false campaign waged by the Opposition.

Reacting to the Congress's decisive victories in the by-polls for Channapatna, Shiggaon and Sandur, Siddaramaiah criticised the Opposition for its baseless and malicious attacks against the Congress, claiming the party had resorted to continuous smear campaigns. However, the Chief Minister praised wisdom of the people, who saw through the Opposition's tactics and ensured the success of Congress candidates.

Siddaramaiah, emphasising his close connection with the people, stated that he was not isolated in an ivory tower. He credited the Congress victory to

*Siddaramaiah*

the work the party had accomplished since coming to power last year, highlighting that the people's vote was a recognition of this progress. He alleged that the Opposition had targeted him and his family without pause. Siddaramaiah further claimed that the people had rejected the BJP's communal agenda.

**Indicator for 2028: D.K. Shivakumar**

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also serves as the KPCC President, stated that the by-poll results signal the direction for the 2028 Karnataka Assembly elections.

Emphasising that the people voted for the Congress guarantee schemes, Shivakumar declared that the mandate was clear: Livelihood matters more than the emotional rhetoric the Opposition had used.

Shivakumar refrained from labelling Nikhil Kumaraswamy's loss in Channapatna as a personal defeat, instead pointing to the rejection of JD(S) by the voters. He attributed this to the disillusionment with Nikhil's father, H.D. Kumaraswamy, who had left the Channapatna Constituency residents stranded after his 2023 election victory.

Confident in the Congress's success across all three segments, Shivakumar shared that he had assessed the voting trends after Nov.13 and was optimistic about the outcome. He took a swipe at the BJP for its false claims regarding Congress's poll guarantees and the allegations of scams levied against the party by the Opposition.

# City Congress workers celebrate by-polls win

*Congress workers led by former MLA M.K. Somashekar celebrating the victory of the party in the by-elections by distributing sweets in city yesterday.*

*The victory of Congress party in the by-elections was celebrated by Backward Classes Unit of City Congress, at the premises of Indira Gandhi Congress Bhavan in city yesterday. President of Backward Classes Unit N.R. Nagesh, City and State Executive Committee's M.L. Gopal, Kamala, Ananthram, Chandru Vishwakarma, R.K. Ravi, Mahendra Kaginele, Lakshminarayan, Lokeshkumar Madapura, Harish Reddy, Dinesh, Ravi Kumbara, Shimsha, Dinesh, Lakshmisha, Mangala, Shanthamma, Manjula and party workers were present.*

# Disappointed with results but will introspect: Vijayendra

## 10 Ministers and 40 Legislators oversaw distribution of money, liquor in Shiggaon: Basavaraj Bommai

*Vijayendra*

Bengaluru, Nov. 24 (KMS& DM)- State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra expressed disappointment over the defeat of the NDA candidates.

Speaking to the press in Bengaluru, Vijayendra said the Opposition would analyse what went wrong and take corrective actions. He noted that the BJP had secured more than 80,000 votes in the Sandur Assembly segment of Ballari district, a first, but pointed out that BJP candidate Bangaru Hanumathu had given Congress candidate Annapoorna Tukaram a tough fight, who eventually won after initially trailing in the early rounds of counting.

Vijayendra emphasised that NDA leaders would meet to discuss the by-poll results. He attributed the Congress's victory to the alleged misuse of official machinery, adding that the Congress should not take undue pride in the win, as it was typical for the ruling party to win by-polls, a trend seen across the country for decades.

**Will accept verdict: Bommai**

Meanwhile, former Chief Minister and Haveri BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai stated that he would accept the verdict of the people of Shiggaon and congratulate Congress candidate Yasir Khan Pathan for his victory.

Speaking to the press, Bommai, who vacated the Shiggaon seat after being elected to the Lok Sabha, expressed hope that development work in Shiggaon would continue from where he had left it.

Bommai reiterated his respect for the people's decision, acknowledging that while he had hoped for his son Bharat Bommai's victory in Shiggaon, the final choice was up to the electorate and he would honour that.

He speculated that the Congress's victory might have been influenced by its position as the ruling party but alleged that Congress had spent a significant amount of money.

He further claimed that the State machinery was heavily misused, with over 10 Ministers and 40 Legislators stationed in Shiggaon to oversee the distribution of money and liquor, although he disagreed with the idea that the electorate voted for the Congress due to its administration.

## Congress wins all three seats with a comfortable margin

Bengaluru, Nov. 24- The Congress secured victory in all three Assembly segments in the Karnataka by-elections.

In Channapatna (Ramanagara district), Congress candidate C.P. Yogeshwar triumphed with 1,12,642 votes, winning by a margin of 25,413 votes over his nearest rival Nikhil Kumaraswamy of JD(S), an alliance partner of the BJP, who secured 87,229 votes.

In Shiggaon (Haveri district), Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan of Congress garnered 1,00,756 votes, defeating BJP's Bharat Bommai by a margin of 13,448 votes. Bommai secured 87,308 votes.

In Sandur (Ballari district), Congress candidate Annapoorna Tukaram, with 93,616 votes, defeated her nearest rival Bangaru Hanumanthu of the BJP by a margin of 9,649 votes. Hanumanthu obtained 83,967 votes.

# People rejected negative publicity by BJP-JD(S): Dr. Mahadevappa

*Mahadevappa*

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (BLU&BS)- Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa stated that the people have given a decisive reply to the political tactics of the BJP and JD(S) by voting for Congress.

Speaking to the media at the Zilla Panchayat in city yesterday, Dr. Mahadevappa expressed that the people had extended their blessings to the Congress party and shown their support for the Siddaramaiah Government.

He credited the Government's five guarantee schemes for the Congress's success, stating that voters had overwhelmingly supported the party, despite negative publicity from rival parties.

"The BJP and JD(S) resorted to Goebbelsian propaganda, but it bore no fruit," said Dr. Mahadevappa.

Minister for Sericulture K. Venkatesh highlighted that people are least concerned about the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam, in which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is accused. This was reflected in the significant support Congress received in the by-elections.

He also pointed out that the public is increasingly aware of how former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda has been practising dynastic politics.

Venkatesh further added that Vokkaligas, in particular, have now learned their lesson, indicating that the political landscape is shifting. Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait, also the KPCC Working President, stated that the by-election results were a clear response to the unholy alliance between the BJP and JD(S).

He noted that issues related to the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, MUDA and the Karnataka State Waqf Board had minimal impact on the results, while the Government's development work resonated with the electorate.

MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah described the by-poll victory as a show of moral support for Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

## Valmiki Corporation, MUDA, Waqf Board issues had minimal impact on voters: Tanveer Sait

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Negotiate

**Pronunciation:** nih-GOH-shee-ayt (Verb)
**Meaning:** To negotiate is to discuss something formally in order to make an agreement. Negotiate can also mean, when applied to people or things in motion, "to get through, around, or over successfully."
**Origin:** Negotiate found its way into English language from the Latin verb negōtiārī, meaning "to do business, trade, or deal." Since its arrival, this word has developed a variety of applications. The "doing business" sense is still going strong: in addition to its most common use in situations where formal decisions (such as a price to be paid) are made by way of discussion, negotiate is also used to talk about the transfer or conversion of money, as in the phrase "negotiate a check." Negotiate has applications outside of commerce, too; it is sometimes used to mean "to successfully travel along or over," as when a cyclist is said to "negotiate mountainous terrain."
**Example:** "Once in relationships, millennials are keen to protect their personal interests — a change reflected in their embrace of prenuptial agreements, the unprecedentedly high rates at which they maintain separate bank accounts, and even in the way they negotiate domestic affairs and disputes." — Anastasia Berg and Rachel Wiseman, What Are Children For?: On Ambivalence and Choice, 2024

## THE ODD WORD

### Cibophobia

Fear of food.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### The whole nine yards

**Meaning:** The phrase 'The whole nine yards' is used to indicate that you are speaking about everything that is appropriate, available, or pertinent, in all ways.
**Origin:** There are many stories describing the origin of the phrase 'The whole nine yards' and no one is certain which is true. The statement has been used since the 1960s and is believed to have originated in the United States. An early example comes from the 1962 issue of Car Life: "Your staff of testers cannot fairly and equitably appraise the Chevrolet Impala sedan, with all nine yards of goodies, against the Plymouth Savoy which has straight shift and none of the mechanical conveniences which are quite common now."
**Example:** "If you want to run for class president, I'll be with you the whole nine yards."

## QUOTE BOX

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.

**—Mark Twain**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

WIND *OW!*

*Answer: Window-pane back to reality.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Greek X
4 Partner of ruin
8 Remain behind
12 Cyst
13 A bitter herb
14 A tube or pipe for liquid to flow through
15 Seizing, understanding the meaning of
17 City on Oka - "lore" anagram?
18 Articulate
19 Flower part
20 The villain in Othello
22 You should have these at your finger tips!
24 A firework
26 Distance Measuring Equip.
27 Lower limb
30 Oman's capital
32 Occult theosophy
34 Static Air Temp.
35 Anatomical pouch
37 Ms Kapoor of Bollywood
38 Company or band of soldiers
40 Leer
41 A venomous snake
44 Japanese 3-line poem with 17 syllables
46 Thought
47 Memento or souvenir
50 Be abundant
51 The first king of Phliasia
52 US soldiers
53 Lawman Wyatt
54 "Noel" anagram for a style of weaving?
55 Eastern daylight-saving time, abbr.

**DOWN**
1 Commonwealth Games in short
2 The possessive case of the personal pronoun 'she'
3 When does India celebrate its Independence Day? (2,6)
4 Engrossed
5 Foreign immigrant or stranger
6 Heart of Darkness author Joseph ___
7 A small cask or barrel
8 Footwear, sandals or slippers
9 Legal injury
10 On the briny
11 Shout
16 Phlegmatic; unmoved
19 Entreaties
20 Distinctive doctrines
21 Water in Latin
23 Instrument Meteorological Conditions
25 Port and city in Iraq
27 British sitcom Mind Your ____
28 Israeli carrier (2,2)
29 Made ____ of : ridiculed?
31 Chinese principle
33 Tomes
36 Join closely
38 Vagrant
39 Thanksgiving hymn
41 Refer to
42 Halls, theatres
43 Lager or ale
45 ___ facto : by that very fact?
47 Sharukh Khan's ___ Ho Na Ho
48 ___ sister : younger sister?
49 Superlative suffix

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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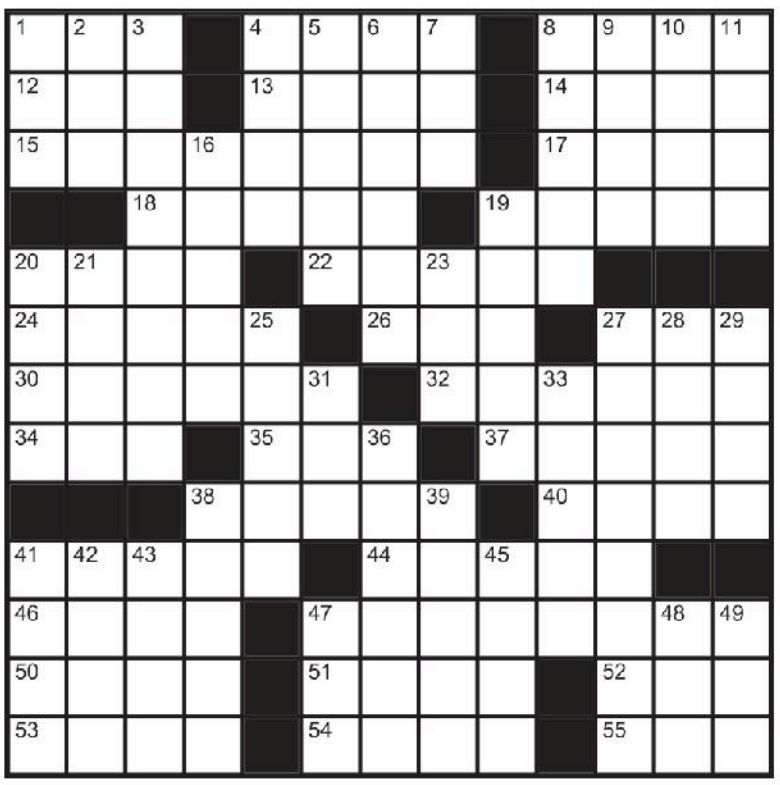

## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 7 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 6 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**PEGFVT BETRBYRA FJ D HRTFVVFVT; ZRRXFVT BETRBYRA**

**FJ XAETARJJ; DVW QEAZFVT BETRBYRA FJ JCPPRJJ.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS G**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** I work as a baker because I knead dough.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  *Prabhutva (K)* - 2 Shows; *Maryade Prashne (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  *Zebra (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  *Kanguva (H)* - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  *Bhairathi Ranagal (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  *Bhairathi Ranagal (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  *Bagheera (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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  *Viswam (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  *Karan Arjun 2005 (H)* - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  *Amaran (Ta)* - 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Zebra (K)* | (S-1) | 9.50 am, 7.10 pm |
| *Wicked (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 1 pm, 4.05 pm |
| *Sookshmadarshini (Ma)* | (S-1) | 10.20 pm |
| *Maryade Prashne (K)* | (S-2) | 10.30 am |
| *Amaran (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1.05 pm |
| *Aaram Arvindswamy (K)* | (S-2) | 4.25 pm |
| *I Want To Talk (H)* | (S-2) | 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Hello Mummy (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.25 am |
| *Bagheera (K)* | (S-3) | 1.10 pm |
| *The Sabarmati Report (H)* | (S-3) | 4.15 pm |
| *Lucky Baskhar (Te)* | (S-3) | 7 pm |
| *Mechanic Rocky (Te)* | (S-3) | 10 pm |
| *Amaran (Ta)* | (S-4) | 9.50 am |
| *Bairathi Ranagal (K)* | (S-4) | 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Dvija (K)* | (S-1) | 11.35 am |
| *Anshu (K)* | (S-1) | 2 pm |
| *Love Reddy (K)* | (S-1) | 3.55 pm |
| *Bagheera (K)* | (S-1) | 6.30 pm |
| *Amaran (Ta)* | (S-1) | 9.15 pm |
| *Bhairathi Ranagal (K)* | (S-2) | 10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 4.10 pm 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Prabhutva (K)* | (S-3) | 10.25 am |
| *Amaran (K)* | (S-3) | 1.15 pm, 7.45 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am |
| *Tenant (K)* | (S-3) | 4.30 pm |
| *Zebra (K)* | (S-4) | 1.40 pm, 6.10 pm |
| *Sookshmadarshini (Ma)* | (S-4) | 9.15 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

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| *Mechanic Rocky (Te)* | : | 9 am, 3.30 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Wicked (E-3D)* | : | 9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Zebra (Te)* | : | 9.15 am, 6.45 pm |
| *Zebra (K)* | : | 12.15 pm |
| *Amaran (Ta)* | : | 9.40 am, 11.55 am, 7 pm |
| *Bhairathi Ranagal (K)* | : | 10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm |
| *The Sabarmati Report (H)* | : | 12.40 pm |
| *Aaram Arvindswamy (K)* | : | 1.10 pm, 6.50 pm |
| *Maryade Prashne (K)* | : | 3.25 pm |
| *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)* | : | 3.40 pm |
| *I Want To Talk (H)* | : | 4.05 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Sangolli Rayanna (K)* | : | 6.05 pm |
| *Kal Ho Naa Ho (H)* | : | 9.45 pm |
| *Sookshmadarshini (Ma)* | : | 10.10 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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| *Bhairathi Ranagal (K)* | : | 9.05 am, 10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm |
| *Wicked (E-3D)* | : | 9.35 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm |
| *Dvija (K)* | : | 10.05 am |
| *Mechanic Rocky (Te)* | : | 12 noon, 6.45 pm |
| *Tenant (K)* | : | 12.50 pm |
| *Zebra (Te)* | : | 3.10 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Amaran (Ta)* | : | 3.15 pm |
| *Aaram Arvindswamy (K)* | : | 4.15 pm, 10 pm |
| *Prabhutva (K)* | : | 6.35 pm |
| *Karan Arjun (1995) (H)* | : | 9.45 pm |

### INOX LIVE the MOVIE

**Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465**

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| *Wicked (E-3D)* | : | 9.35 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Aaram Arvindswamy (K)* | : | 9.45 am, 7.25 pm |
| *Bhairathi Ranagal (K)* | : | 9.45 am, 12.40 pm, 4.15, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Mechanic Rocky (Te)* | : | 9.55 am, 7.15 pm |
| *Lucky Baskhar (Te)* | : | 12.40 pm |
| *Sangolli Rayanna (K)* | : | 3.35 pm |
| *Zebra (K)* | : | 3.50 pm |
| *Zebra (Te)* | : | 10.30 pm |
| *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Amaran (Ta)* | : | 10.20 pm |

**INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757**

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|---|---|---|
| *Lucky Baskhar (Te)* | : | 9.50 am, 10 pm |
| *Bhairathi Ranagal (K)* | : | 9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 4.20, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *I Want To Talk (H)* | : | 10.20 am, 7.15 pm |
| *Anshu (K)* | : | 10.45 am |
| *Sangolli Rayanna (K)* | : | 1 pm |
| *Tenant (K)* | : | 1 pm |
| *Mechanic Rocky (Te)* | : | 1.05 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Karan Arjun (1995) (H)* | : | 3.20 pm |
| *Amaran (Ta)* | : | 3.45 pm |
| *Prabhutva (K)* | : | 4.40 pm |
| *Zebra (K)* | : | 6.55 pm |
| *All We Imagine As Light (Ma)* | : | 7.50 pm |
| Sookshmadarshini (Ma) | : | 10.30 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

# EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 24)

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC):** 48th Intl. Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Prof. P.V. Nanjaraja Urs, retired Professor from Maharaja's College, chief guest; Felicitation to Rajyotsava awardees Guru Lalitha Kore M. Rao, Artistic Director, Shantala Nritya Kalaniketan; Prof. Padma Shekar, former Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University and Karnataka Kalashree Awardee T. Ravindra Sharma, Artistic Director, Ravi Nritya Kala Mandira; Performances - Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert, Group Light Classical Vocal Concert, Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **2.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Rajyotsava and Children's Day celebrations, releasing of M.B. Santhosh's book 'Bhavabringada Madhuragana' and C. Vani Raghavendra's book 'O sakhi nineshtu sukhi?' and drawing competition prize distribution, Kannada Professor Dr. Latha Mysore inaugurates and releases the books, Pratishtana President M.B. Santhosh presides, Ideal Jawa Rotary School premises, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Abhivyakthi Trust:** 'Abhivyakthi Habba-24,' Nrityollasa - Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Meera Sreenarayanan, Rama Govinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.15pm.**
- **The Divine Life Society for Ladies:** Discourse on 'Sundarakanda Ramayana' by K.L. Prasannakshi, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Checkmate,' directed by Anoop Joshi (Bunty), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**

# EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 25)

- **Sri Namadeva Simpi Samaja - Sri Panduranga Sri Vittala Rukmayi Temple:** Last Karthika Monday, Sankalpa Archane, **6.30 am;** Abhishekas, **7.30 am;** Homa, **9.30 am;** Purnahuti, **11.30 am;** Archane, **4 pm;** Abhisheka, **5 pm;** Karthika Laksha Deepotsava, **6.15 pm;** Mahamangalarathi, Temple premises, Vivekanandanagar, **8 pm.**
- **Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Temple Trust, D. Banumaiah Road, K.R. Mohalla:** Karthika Maasa Puja Mahotsava, 4th Karthika Monday, abhisheka, archane, mahamangalrati, Girija Kalyana Mahotsava, Temple premises, **7 am.**
- **Anuvada Sampada:** Seminar and Workshop, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, Humanities Block, UoM, **10.30 am to 5 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **KSOU's Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, Muktagangothri:** Inauguration of 30-day coaching class for KAS exams by Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shilpa Nag, State Finance Dept. Deputy Project Director Mohammed Haris Sumair, a 2021 batch IAS officer, delivers talk on preparing for the exam, ADC P. Shivaraju chief guest, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, **11 am.** [Ph: 0821-2515944]
- **Kannada Department and NSS, Basudeva Somani College:** Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, The Institute of Education Trust President & Managing Trustee Dr. M. Puttaswamy inaugurates, retd. Kannada Professor Dr. K. Anantharamu main speaker, Trust Secretary & Managing Trustee Kuber P. Gowda, Trust Chief Administrative Officer & Managing Trustee P. Geethanjali and Trust Managing Trustee S. Prabha chief guests, Basudeva Somani College Principal Dr. M. Mahadevaswamy presides, College's NSS Programme Officer Dr. T. Ramesh co-ordinates, College auditorium, **11 am.**
- **Sri Krishna Trust :** Monthly Cultural Festival, Humour Programme by Gangavathi Pranesh and team, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Expo and Cultural programmes, Sugama Sangeetha by Dr. Suma Harinath of Swaralaya School of Music, accompanied by Anagha on vocal, Vid. Mohan Devaiah on keyboard and Vid. M.R. Udaykumar on tabla, **6 pm;** Bhavageete by BSR Aradhya Creations, P. Kalingarao Rangamantapa, Exhibition Grounds, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**

*Dr. Suma*

- **The Divine Life Society for Ladies:** Discourse on 'Sundarakanda Ramayana' by K.L. Prasannakshi, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

# History Talk tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 24- Dr. Lakshmeesh Sonda, Historian and National Fellowship Committee Member, will deliver a lecture on *'Karnataka Itihasadalli Pradeshika Itihasada Mahatva* (Importance of regional history in Karnataka's history)' at the office of the Archaeology, Museum and Heritage Department Commissioner in Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises tomorrow (Nov. 25) at 11 am.

***Dr. Lakshmeesh***

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2424671, according to a press release from the Department.

## Laksha Deepotsava on Karthika Monday

Mysuru, Nov. 24- As part of last Karthika Monday, Laksha Deepotsava has been organised at Hinkal village in Kasaba hobli of Mysuru taluk tomorrow (Nov. 25) at 6.30 pm.

The programme is organised under the aegis of Sri Nanneshwaraswamy Devara Kalyani (Kola) and Hinkal Village Development Committee.

Also, there will be 'Anna Santarpane' to over 15,000 people at 7 pm the same day.

For details, contact Mob: 94480-77906 or 98455-77143.

## Maharudrabhisheka at city temple

Mysuru, Nov. 24- As part of Kathika Month, Sri Male Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple Trust has organised Maharudrabhisheka, special puja and Prasad distribution at the Temple in Lashkar Mohalla tomorrow morning.

Like every year, the Trust will be arranging lunch for the students of Government School for the Blind and Deaf & Dumb School in Tilak Nagar at 1 pm.

Procession of Hulivahana and Parvathi Parameshwara Sameta Suvarna Kolagada Utsava Murthy will be taken out in the main thoroughfares of the area at 7 pm. For further details, contact Mob: 93416-19373, according to a press release.

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